

NINETIETH DISTRICT.

Gonzales county.—C. McGarrity, of Belmont, Gonzales county, was born in Union District, South Carolina, December 5, 1820 ; being the third son of Clemons McGarrity, of the above district, an educated farmer and mechanic, who died in 1822 ; his mother was a Nance, and a native of Virginia. The subject of this sketch was raised by a widowed mother, receiving a good common school education in the schools of his native State; moved with his family to Carroll county, Tennessee, in 1836, and thence to New Orleans, in 1839, where he was engaged in commercial business until 1846, when he moved to Panola county, Mississippi, and commenced the study of medicine under Dr. E. B. Webbler ; attended a course of lectures in the medical department of the University of Louisiana at New Orleans, sessions of 1847-48 ; practiced his profession until 1854, when he moved to Texas, and settled in Gonzales county ; graduated in the Galveston Medical College, a department of the Soule University, in 1866 ; and has been engaged mostly in the practice of his profession since May, 1847, up to the present time ; served with Col. Darden's regiment of State troops for a portion of the war. Mr. McGarrity claims to be a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, a strict constructionist, having learned his first lessons in politics when a boy from John C. Calhoun, of his native State, and as such made the canvass, by solicitation, for a seat in the House, there being no nomination for that office in his county. He was opposed by two Democrats and one Republican, and was elected by a majority of 575 votes over the combined vote of all opposing candidates.